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REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**Reference AO (2001-273526) on Form PTO-1449:**

This discloses a similar deformation method, but the method uses only scaling up/down for generating a 3D deformed route map.

Reference AP (2001-330465) on Form PTO-1449:

This discloses a navigation apparatus providing search and guidance of 3-dimensional position and map data. (Fig. 1 and lines 28-44 of column 5.)

Reference AQ (10-170301) on Form PTO-1449:

This discloses a guidance apparatus shows the internal composition of a building in perspective. (Fig. 10 and lines 22-29 of column 18.)

Reference AW on Form PTO-1449:

This paper presents a method that selects a good viewpoint for understanding a 3D shape model. But the selected viewpoint is not a good viewpoint for understanding a 3D route map.

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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
	AW	Pere-Pau VAZQUEZ, et al., "VIEWPOINT SELECTION USING VIEWPOINT ENTROPY", Vision, Modeling, and Visualization 2001, November 21-23, 2001, 8 Pages					
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